

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/628,518

Examiner

Sean P. Shechtman

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/30/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-16, 20, 53-56, 60-65, 85-90, 92, 96, 97, 99, 100 and 102.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 11-16, 20, 53-56, 60-65, 85-90, 92, 96, 97, 99, 100, and 102 are presented for examination. Claim 11 has been amended.

***Drawings***

2. Objections withdrawn in light of the amendment filed May 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. Rejections withdrawn in light of the amendment filed May 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. Rejections withdrawn in light of the amendment filed May 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. Rejections withdrawn in light of the amendment filed May 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 11-16, 20, 53-56, 60-65, 85-90, 92, 96, 97, 99, 100, and 102 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Referring to claim 11, Ehlers fails to disclose a system for managing environmental comfort at a site having all the claimed features of applicant's instant invention, specifically including: the offset is based on the selected comfort level scenario and the current level of energy costs.

Referring to claim 53, Ehlers fails to disclose a method for managing air quality at a site having all the claimed features of applicant's instant invention, specifically including: the offset is based on the selected comfort level scenario and the current characteristic of energy.

Claims 12-16, 20, 54-56, 60-65, 85-90, 92, 96, 97, 99, 100, and 102 depend from claims 11 and 53, and are therefore also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean P. Shechtman whose telephone number is (571) 272-3754. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo P. Picard can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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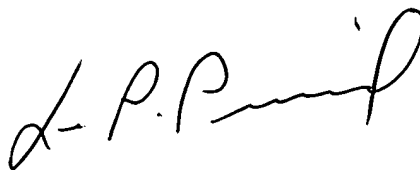
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Sean P. Shechtman

June 14, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. P. Picard", written in a cursive style.

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